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EASTER STORY

Luke 24

1. Common thread in all gospel accounts of the resurrection: Fear, surprise and understanding of the need for the Messiah to SUFFER before resurrection.

Cf Matt 17-22, Mark 10:33ff Disciples could not understand nor accept the part about suffering.

But this is an essential part of our faith. No Easter without Good Friday.

His purpose in dying is so that we will not live for ourselves but for Him.

2 Cor 5:15, Luke 9:23, Romans 6:4bff

The "Must Be Me" syndrome says that my present identity is what is desired by God. But that is not the real Me that God wants. We need to die to that so that we can be all that He wants us to be.

2. He comes to us through the 'breaking of bread' and He sends us forth as His bread. (John 20:21)

From Feeding of 500 to Last Supper to Emmaus: 4 words:

- He took: voluntarily offer self John 10:17-18
- He blessed: bless God for the bread ie thanksgiving that my life his value
- He broke: offer life as sacrifice
- He gave: my life is for others

They recognised Him through these actions perhaps because He had a unique way of doing it OR because He had used his actions in His teaching to summarise what His life was about.

- We take ourselves: willingly, surrendering our rights. My life belongs to You Lord
- We give thanks to God for our lives: c 2 Sam 24:24 which consists of natural abilities, giftings, resources, achievements. It is a life of value
- We break: Examples of St Arsenius who had everything and Gladys Aylward who had little - allow ourselves to be sacrificed/ moulded for God and for others.
- We give: Beyond our comfort zones, we give ourselves.

QUESTIONS:

1. What struck you as you heard this message?

2. What is He asking of you to do?